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1. While I was in Paris in late August [1953] [REDACTED] told me he believed the USSR was going to withdraw from Western Europe. Some days later a rather prominent Viennese banker in London expressed the same view. These men pointed out that the Soviets have just about exhausted the coal and oil resources of occupied areas, have carted away an enormous amount of industrial equipment, have the animosity of the people in those areas, and the Soviets are finding the high cost of occupation is unjustified.
2. These men did not define their concepts of term "Western Europe."

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